(*d*) whether the Excise Commissioner accepted the recommendation; and

(*e*) when the proposal for declaring the Tarimala group of villages for 'prohibition' reached the Government?

A.—(*a*) It is reported that a deputation waited on the Collector in the matter.

(*b*) The two arrack shops in the Tarimala area were closed temporarily from 1st April 1931.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Commissioner did not object to the Collector's proposal being accepted.

(*e*) On 6th July 1931.

Deputation from the Tarimala group of villages to the Excise Minister for the introduction of prohibition.

* 519 *Q*.—Mr. P. Bayappa Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether deputations from the Tarimala group of villages and Peddavadugur group waited upon him on the 26th June when he visited Anantapur and represented their respective cases for prohibition; and

(*b*) whether the hon. Minister, in consultation with the Collector, promised favourable consideration of their prayers?

A.—(*a*) Yes, but the date appears to have been the 20th or 21st June.

(*b*) The best consideration was promised.

Postponement of the auction-sale of toddy and arrack shops in the Gooty and Anantapur taluks.

* 520 *Q*.—Mr. P. Bayappa Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the auction-sales of the toddy shops in Gooty and Anantapur taluks were postponed from July to an indefinite date, pending the orders of Government on the recommendation of the District Officers and the Revenue Board;

(*b*) whether a District Gazette notification was issued fixing the dates of auction of the toddy shops of these two taluks to August;

(*c*) whether the present Collector Sriman D. Mahanti Mahasayo issued a District Gazette notification, dated 20th September, that the sales of the toddy shops is Gooty and Anantapur taluks would be held on the 5th and 7th October respectively, excepting the shops in Peddavadugur and Tarimala areas;

(*d*) whether the Collector issued cyclostyled circulars of the above notification to all the village officers also;

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(e) whether a telegraph order of Government was sent to the Collector on 30th September 1931, intimating that the Government had rejected the recommendations for closing the shops in the said two taluks and ordered their sales also; and

(f) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the order of the Government and all the connected papers?

A.—(a) The auction sales were postponed pending the orders of Government regarding the closure of toddy shops in certain areas of the Gooty and Anantapur taluks.

(b) The Collector fixed the auction of toddy shops in the Gooty taluk for 27th July 1931 and that of the toddy shops in Anantapur taluk for 3rd August 1931.

(c) & (d) The Government have not the information.

(e) No telegraphic order was sent to the Collector by the Government on the subject.

(f) The Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by placing the papers on the table of the House.

Estimated fall in the Excise revenue of the Nellore district.

* 521 Q.—Khan Bahadur Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) to what extent the toddy and arrack sales in Nellore district have been successful; and

(b) what the fall in the Excise revenue of the district will be during the current year?

A.—(a) & (b) The rentals realized by the sale of arrack shops in the Nellore district for the lease year which commenced on 1st April 1931 showed a fall of 41·4 per cent as compared with the rentals for 1930–31. The Government have called for a report in respect of the other points.

Fisheries

Aid to fishermen associations engaged in socio-economic work.

* 522 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any associations of fishermen on the West Coast engaged in socio-economic work;

(b) whether the Fisheries department is giving grants for them;

(c) whether the Sree Gnanodaya Samaj, Mangalore, at any time applied for grant and if so, what the orders of Government are ; and